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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for filing a Brief on Appeal be extended for a period of three (3) months from July 25, 2002 to and including October 25, 2002.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$920.00 (large entity). Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed for accounting purposes.

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